नई डाक टिकटें जारी करने का प्रस्ताव

*199. श्री अजीत जोगी :
कुमारी आलिया :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार स्वर्गीय श्री ध्यान चन्द, श्री मथिलीशरण गुप्त, केशव राव बलिराम हैडगवार और झांसी की रानी लक्ष्मीबाई की स्मृति में नई डाक टिकट जारी करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र) : (क) ध्यान चन्द, मैथिली शरण गुप्त और रानी लक्ष्मीबाई पर क्रमश: 3-12-80, 3-7-74, और 15-8-57 को डाक टिकट पहले ही जारी किये जा चुके है। इन विशिष्ट व्यक्तियों पर आगे और कोई डाक टिकट जारी करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है। क्योंकि सामान्यतया: किसी विशिष्ट व्यक्ति पर विभाग एक से अधिक डाक टिकट जारी नहीं करता।

स्व. डा. हैडगेवार पर स्मारक डाक टिकट जारी करने से संबंधित प्रस्ताव फिलैटलिक सलाहकार समिति के समक्ष उसकी 6-8-90 को हुई बैठक में रखा गया था जिसकी समिति ने सिफारिश नहीं की।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) के उत्तर को मद्देनजर रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Maintenance Grant for National Highways

*200. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the maintenance grant per kilometre of National Highways;

(b) whether such grant is adequate; if not, whether there is any proposal to enhance it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) The requirement of funds for maintenance of National Highways depends on the terrain, climate, road condition, traffic intensity and rates of materials in different regions; but the amounts are released to the States on pro-rata basis out of the funds available in the Annual Budget. For the maintenance of 33612 kms. of National Highways, a sum of Rs. 144.12 crores is allocated in the current year's budget.

(b) and (c) Because of the constraint of resources, the present allocation is short of the assessed requirement. Enhancement of maintenance grant will, however, depend upon the availability of resources.

Microwave linking of States through INSAT-1D

@1626. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the States are to be provided with microwave link after successful launching of INSAT-1D; if so, what are the details thereof State-wise;

(b) whether Gujarat has been included to provide this facility of microwave linking through INSAT-1D; and

(c) if not, when Gujarat is likely to be provided with the facilities of microwave link through this satellite?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

@Previously Unstarred Question 85 transferred from 7th August, 1990.

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The provisioning of microwave link does not depend on the successful launching of INSAT-1D. Microwave link and INSAT-1D link are independent of each other.

(b) Gujarat has already been connected both on microwave and satellite.

(c) Question does not arise in view of the reply given in part (b).

Setting up of separate Ministry for NRIs

@1627. SHRI M. M. JACOB:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Seminar recently organised by the non-resident Indians in the Capital, a suggestion was mooted for the setting up of a separate Ministry for NRIs; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto in the context of their new industrial policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For the time being Government has decided to set up a separate Division on Overseas Indians in the Ministry of External Affairs which will look after, *inter alia* the interests of the NRIs.

Enquiry into murder of a candidate in the Meham Election

@@1628. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has completed enquiry into the murder of a candidate in the Meham elections in May, 1990,

(b) if so, what was the outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the inquiry is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The State Government of Haryana have been requested to accord their specific consent under Section 6 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act empowering CBI to investigate the Meham incidents. The State Government have so far not given the required consent. However, the Union Government have appointed a Commission of Inquiry to look into the Meham incidents, headed by Shri Justice D. P. Madon, retired Judge of the Supreme Court. The Commission has sought the services of CBI to assist the Commission under Section 5A of the Commission of Inquiry Act and necessary concurrence of the Government of India has been accorded to the Commission in the matter.

Bridge at I.T.O., New Delhi

@@@1629. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, about three years back, a notice board was put up on the Yamuna Bridge at ITO in Delhi stating that a parallel four lane bridge would be built alongside it to ease the traffic congestion;

@Previously Unstarred Question 388, transferred from 9th August, 1990.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 393, transferred from 9th August, 1990.

@@@Previously Unstarred Question 504, transferred from 10th August, 1990.